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In re Application of AVALLE

Application No. 09/800,463

Filed: March 08, 2001

For: COATED COSMETIC POWDER

Examiner: WILLIS, M.

Group Art Unit: 1617

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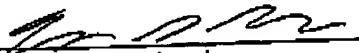
Please find enclosed the following:

- Amendment, including Attachment showing modifications

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1 1. (Amended) A cosmetic powder to which a coating is associated wherein:
2 said powder comprises at least one of the group consisting of excipients, pigments,
3 and spherical and non-spherical silica; and
4 wherein said coating comprises at least one polymer or co-polymer belonging to
5 the poly alpha hydroxy acids family, whereby said alpha hydroxy acid polymer or
6 copolymer can degrade and release onto the skin of a wearer at least one of monomers
7 and oligomers when said cosmetic powder is applied to the skin.